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NEW WEEKLY TRAFFIC RECORD SET ON TURNPIKE SYSTEM SINGLE DAY RECORD ALSO SET AT HOOKSETT TOLL

Good weather and a busy weekend of racing at the New Hampshire International Speedway no doubt contributed to the setting of a new weekly traffic record on the New Hampshire Turnpike System.

A total of 2,491,247 vehicles passed through the Turnpike System for the week ending July 21, 2002, breaking the old mark of 2,467,691 set during the week that ended August 19, 2001.

A daily record was also broken at the Hooksett Toll Plaza on Interstate 93 on Friday, July 19. A total of 95,310 vehicles were processed, topping the previous high of 94,406 set on July 20, 2001.